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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: LEYENDECKER ET AL

Serial No. 10/780,040

Filed: FEBRUARY 17, 2004

For: FLAP DEVICE

Group: 3754

Examiner: ERIC KEASEL DOCKET: LIP011DIV

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed July 28, 2004. By this Official Action claims 1-6 and 11 are pending and stand subject to a restriction/election requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- a. Species A. The valve with the connection between the shaft and the control element being a groove-and-tongue connection.
- b. Species B. The valve with the connection between the shaft and the control element being a press fit.
- c. Species C. The valve with the shaft and the control element being one piece.

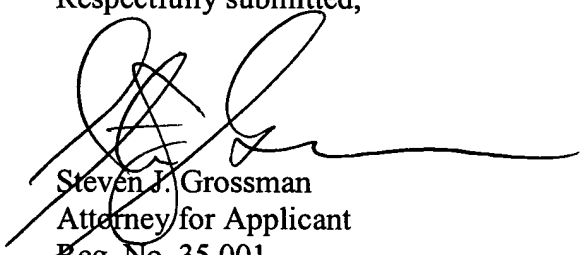
Election is hereby made to prosecute Species B, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 11.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 11 are readable thereon. Claim 1 is generic.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact in this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 603-668-6560.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or fees are payable, please charge them to our deposit account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 27, 2004 at Manchester, New Hampshire.

By April Davis